



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Frank Himmelsbach et al) Art Unit: 1624
U.S. Appln. No. : 10/016,280) Examiner: Tamthom Ngo Truong
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Title of Invention : Bicyclic heterocycles, pharmaceutical compositions containing
these compounds, their use and processes for preparing them
Attny. Docket No. : 5/1262

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the time for responding to the Action mailed on January 7, 2005, be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for three months, so that the extended period for response will end on July 7, 2005.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17 for this extension of time is \$1,020.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this and any other fee which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-2955. A triplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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